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WHEELING, JANUARY 1, 1898.

The Year Just Closed. The year 1897 which came to a close at midnight, was filled with events of much significance to the historians of nations, and no other year for a generation past has furnished so much food for the student of events which has a bearing upon the economic and political feat-ures of history. While no event presenting a startling climax has occurred, there has been much to attract the world's attention.

The most important developments that have attracted the attention of diplomats have been of recent occurrence, in connection with the movement of Germany toward the extension of her colonial power, and the beginning of the drama that is now being enacted in the Orient, inaugurated by Germany, having in view, it is believed, the dismemberment of the Chinese empire, which for thousands of years has stood separate and apart from the remainder of the world. The part that is being taken in the enactment of this despoliment by Russia, England and France portends developments during 1898, which may produce marked changes in the map of the Old World, and results more startling than were dreamed of six months ago The movement is the beginning of a history that will be of the greatest importance to the future of Europe, and may not be altogether peaceful.

Germany's ambition to follow England's example and become a great colonial power, and to become the commer has been manifest for some time, and first cropped out near the close of 1896. in the Transvanl incident. The Grecian-Turkish outbreak afforded her another opportunity, which she was quick to grasp, to serve notice upon England and Russia that she recognized no superior power as the arbiter of the destiny of Eu-Aside from these events which have

been agitating European diplomatic circles, and other minor matters, such as the Grecian-Turkish war and the recent troubles in Austria, threatening an upheaval of great significance, have been the changes which have taken place in Spain, involving a reversal of that government's policy toward Cuba, and the inauguration of a more humane course. The attitude of the United States was largely responsible for this, and at the beginning of the new year there are hopes that the next few months will witness a fair test of the attempt of Spain to bring the war to a close, and to establish a system of autonomy which will be a guarantee of future peace. How well the test will stand remains to be seen.

In regard to our own country the past year has been one of peace and growing prosperity. The twelve months past have witnessed the extension of our forelen trade and the benefits derived from a short crop in Europe. It has been an opportunity for the United States that has been met as no other country could have met it. With bountiful crops, and enough to supply the foreign and domestic demand, the American farmers have been the beneficiaries directly, and all branches of trade have felt the quickening influence of the extraordinary conditions. This country has been furnishing Europe with breadstuffs and drawing European gold in return. The treas ury of the United States has had its gold reserve increased, and the money that has gone into the ogricultural regions of the west has paid off millions of dollars of mortgages and given new life and hope to the people.

But this is not all of the best of the industrial history of the country for 1897. American manufacturers have invaded the markets of the world as they never have before, and have gained a prestire from which it will be impossible to dethrone them for years to come Our Iron products are going to England, to Itussia and other European countries and American manufacturers are underselling the Iron masters of continental Europe and England in their own markets. Our exports for the year have reached, in value, more than a billion dollars.

Our domestic trade has been largely increased in volume, and in some lines has far exceeded the figures of the most prosperous year of our previous history, Railroad earnings have greatly increased, mills and factories all over the country have ceased their idleness; money is to be had for the asking at low rates of interest; investors have not backward; gold discoveries in Alaska have contributed to the general confidence in the future, and, while there has been no boom, and there is still room for improvement, none but the most confirmed pessimist can see other than an encouraging outlook for the future

The new tariff bill, which at first falled to produce a sufficient revenue to meet the expenses of the government, owing to heavy advance imports in anticipation princreased duties, in each month prove should not be brought alloub

ing the wisdom of its framers. Not only is the protection it affords having a good the legislature. It is a time when that effect on the industries of the country. but the revenues under it are increasing and from now on it is expected to produce a surplus. There will be, after Jan-uary, no longer a deficit at the end of each month.

The year has witnessed the in of a new national administration which has the confidence of the people- an administration pledged to support the financial honor of the country, and, although the reforms that are peeded in our currency system have not yet been enacted, there is a sincere effort being made to remely existing cells. There is strong hope that the year which begins to-day will witness the passage of n measure that will place the financial fabric of the country on a strong, practi-

In West Virginia the year has been one of renewed activity in industrial lines. and the work of development has gone steadily forward, with bright hopes for the future. The long period of depression is regarded in this state, as else-where, at an end, and the dawn of 1898

is bright with promise,

Let us hope that industrially, commercially, politically, and in every other way, the year which has just been born may be even better freighted with prosperiay and peace and happiness than its immediate predecessor, which, during the first half of its life, was handicapped by the remaining effects of the depression, in all these particulars, of the years that have gone before.

Senator Hanna's Chances.

The news from Columbus, Ohlo, makes it apparent that Senator Hanna can only fall of election to succeed himself through the betrayal of the party by Republicans. It is clearly manifest that the solid support of the Democratic members for a fusion movement cannot be had, and that several Republicans such an unholy alliance have been misrepresented.

There is no doubt that if party lines are adhered to Mr. Hanna will have a clear majority of votes. Only the basest sort of departure from party integrity can defeat him. From every standpoint of party honor his election should be assured, for his choice to a full term was the main issue of the campaign last fall, and after a most remarkable struggle, in which Mr. Hanna fought the battle almost single handed for a reaffirmation of the Republican principles which prevalled in 1996, he carried the state, with the understanding upon all sides that such a victory meant his return to the senate. The forces of free silver throughout the state were arrayed igainst him, not so much because he was Mark Hanna and the manager of the national Republican campaign in 1896, but because he was the recognized candidate of the Republican party for the United States senate and the advocate of a sound and honest currency.

This was admitted to be the lesue, and

verywhere over the state, from the leadquarters of the Potocratic commitee to the meetings of Mr. Bryan, who was imported in the last days of the contest, the fight against Ranna was heralded as the prelude to the campaign for free silver and a depreciated currency in 1900. It was this fact that attracted the attention of the entire country to Mr. Hanna's campaign. Pary principle was at stake more, than were Mr. Hanna's personal fortunes, and the battle was a test of Republican fidelity to the great cause of national credit and honor.

Referring to this feature of the contest, the New York Mail and Express declares that the issue summoned the people of Ohio "to declare by their ballots whether they were true to the cause of honest money and protection, which they had so splendidly vindicated in 1896, or whether they had recanted and gone over to the standard of Bryanism, free trade and national dishonor." Thus was the issue joined, and Mr. Hanna, who led the fight, succeeded after a campaign which has had few if any equals in the political history of the state of Ohio. That victory was gratifying, not only to the Republicans of the state, but to the Repub-

licans of the country at large, who stood by Republican principles and held up the hands of a Republican President Our New York contemporary expresses fairly the sentiment of the entire country

when it says: If the November vote of Ohio means anything it was that the people of that state favored the re-election of Senator Hanna. In that way alone can the result of the struggle receive a full and logical expression. Any other outcome would be a perversion and a compromise of Rebe a perversion and a compromise of Re-publican principle which the party throughout the Union would view with disappontment and regret. For this reason the effort which Mr. Hanna's enemies are making to compass his de-feat seems altogether selfish, unwise and reprehensible. It should not; and it will not succeed, but the mere fact that it has been undertaken is deplorable, for the reason that it gives aid and comfort to the enemy and its calculated to restore the unhappy factional divisione among the Onio Republicans which it was fondly hoped had been permanently obliterated. It is incredible that Republicans in

It is incredible that Republicans in Ohlo should lend their efforts to a movement which is demoralizing from a party standpoint. It is astounding that even a very few Republicans should so far for get the principle at stake as to form ar alliance with free silver Democrats led by John R. McLean, whose politica methods are so disreputable and scandal ous that the respectable element of the Democracy of Ohlo has long since re-

pudlated them. pudlated them.

The whole intent and purpose of the Silver Republicans is to desifruits of a Republican victory, to dis the organization of the party in state, and to discredit the Repub national administration in the state of the President. It remain the handful of Republicans who ar leged to be opposed to Senator Han say whether or not these conspli shall succeed in this undertaking. It will not do to say that anothe publican may be chosen. No m

result would be heralded over the try as a blow at Republican harr and a signal victory for the conspin against the peace and integrity Republican party in Ohio. Nothin, rank treachery will characterize th

tion of those who fall to respon in this matter. That which of the Republican party

can votes. The party has a majority of majority should stand together. That is what the national Republican party expects of the Republican legislature of

About the "Deficit."

The esteemed Register of Friday contains an editorial entitled "What about the Deficit?" in which the following oc-CUIS:

The deficit was rapidly vanishing under the law of 1894 and bade fair to disappear entirely in another year in spite of the fact that a decision of the supreme court had cut off some \$30,000,000 of revenue from incomes. Under the Dingley ized McKinley law the deficit grows a never before.

Again let us ask our Republican friends what they are going to do about

From which we infer that the editor o the Register had not read the news columns of his own paper on the day previ ous. We cheerfully respond to the invitation contained in the last paragraph of the quotation by calling the attention of our contemporary to an Associated Press dispatch from Washington which appeared in its columns Thursday morning giving a forecast of the December report of the government receipts and expenditures, and which it published prominent ly as a semi-official statement: The dispatch shows that the confidence of the framers of the Dingley bill in its effclency as a revenue producer, after the advance importations of last summe were consumed, is fully vindicated, and

The increase from customs this mont The Increase from customs this month probably will exceed November by \$2,500,000 or \$3,000,000, which WILL LEAVE A SURPLUS FOR THE MONTH. Independent of the receipts and payments on account of the Pacific railroad transfer the total receipts this month would have exceeded the expenditures by approximately \$1,750,000. The returns from Internal revenue sources show a graffly. internal revenue sources show a gratify ing increase and it is not unlikely that the December statement will show an'ex cess over November of \$1,000,000.

Altogether the situation so far as reve Altogether the situation so far as revenues are concerned is very gratifying to the treasury officials, who confidently predict that with the exception of January, when heavy interest payments are due, THERE WILL BE A SURPLUS FOR EACH REMAINING MONTH OF THE PRESENT FISCAL YEAR.

Having published this important iter of news from the national capital in Thursday's issue, along with every othe Associated Press paper in the country our contemporary, in its editorial of Fri day, seems to be somewhat muddled an its article is calculated to confuse its readers, and to puzzle them to know whether or not the editor's assumption concerning the revenue feature of the tariff bill is entitled to more weight than the official figures from the treasury de partment at Washington.

If you haven't resolved to do better thi year, make a vow that you will try to de

CURRENT COMMENT.

Mr. Ratcliffe is quite right if he thinks that most American men will feel regret at his sentence to six months' imprisonment for wife-beat-ing. They will regret that the sentence wasn't a good deal longer.—Chicago

After all, Spanish autonomy is much like the Keely motor. They are both great successes. The Keely motor will go only in Philadelphia and autonomy only in Madrid.—New York Press.

Now good-bye to all hopes of a reduc tion in the price of typewriters since the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight is on again!-Pittsburgh Times.

If Weyler didn't say so himself, no would suspect he was "honored" by the references to him in President McKinley's message.-Pittsburgh Com

Their historians claim the Chinese run back thousands of Fears. Hence their disposition to turn and run at any appearance of trouble comes natural.—Philadelphia Times.

According to Professor Falb, of Vien na, the earth will be destroyed by a comet in November, 1899. According to another prophet Mr. Bryan will be elected to the presidency a year later. Bring on your comet, professor.—Phil-adelphia Inquirer.

The Nebraska State Journal says that the ice on the Missouri river is thick enough to hold up a train. The desperadoes are thick enough out there to do it occasionally.-Chicago Times-Herald.

In the burning of the Chicago Collwhere the last Democratic naconvention was held, did the Chtcago platform burn with the rest?-

With the smash in China and the fall of the Japanese cabinet the Oriental crockery market appears to be going to the demnition bow-wows .- Philadel-

Ita News Reliable

Weston Independent: The Intelligencer is always reliable in its news items and has always been found zealously advocating the principles of the Repul fleed party and fighting for that which it bolleves to be right. It is ably edited and deserves a long life.

Grows Better And Brighter,

West Virginia Argus: The Wheelin Intelligencer is one of the ablest and best Republican papers ever published. It grows better and brighter every year and is deserving of a liberal support by the Republicans of this county, as well as of the entire state. We highly rec end it in every way.

The Horn of the Dilemma te editor of the Greenbrier Inde-lent's cow has strayed.—Pocahon-Times.

Greenbrier editor ought to have on -Free Press. ny should the Greenbrier Indepen have a cow? Why should the In ndent's cow have an editor? Why ild the editor of a cow have a bell. Who milks the Independent's cow her editor is straying.-Mountain

West Virginia's Champion Shot.

e have a marksman in our tow is so far superior to Carver and cardus that their records fall into gnificance, "Favorite" Mullins is man. His latest feat sounds like a w tale, but nevertheless it is true young man, in company with his er John and Fred Christle took nt Saturday in quest of "melly cot talls" and such other varments a talls" and such other varments as



When the first molly was started "Favwhen the first molly was started "Fav-ortic" took deliberate aim and fired, and when the smoke cleared away the hare was standing on a distant hill with one eye pulled down at them, and John's don was lying dead where the hare should have been. When the second hare was started "Favorite" again took a more deliberate aim and fired, filling a more deliberate aim and fired, filling John's hand with bird-shot which had to be cut out by Dr. Bee. "Favorite" is now in the hands of Dr. Zed. Bee, who is ready to open negotiations with some dime museum manager for this the champion shot of the world.-Princeton

THEY FOUND OUT.

The other day two young fellows happened to notice this sign above a small and dingy looking saloon, says the Chi-

cago News:
"Alonzo Gustave Bryan."
"Ah," said one of them, as he made the discovery, "Ill bet that man was born in Germany, his father being, of course, an Irishman, and his mother an Italian."

Italian."
"Why?" questioned the other.
"Well," was the triumphant answer,
"his father, of course, being satisfied
with the 'Bryan' allowed the mother a
chance at his first name, hence the 'Alonzo.' And neither of his parents being
German the 'Gustave' must have been
added because he was born in Germany."
"No" was the scoffing reply of the "No," was the scoffing reply of the other, after a moment's reflection, "he was born in Italy and his mother was a German. His father named him 'Alonzo" an Italian name, because he had
probably lived so long in the country
that he had grown to love it; an exile,
or something like that, see? And his
mother being German, of course, put in
the 'Gustave.'"
"Bah!" was the answer to this,
"Well, I'll tell you what," was the next
proposition, 'let's go in and see."
"It's a go," was the reply, and the two
investigators entered the place and lined German. His father named him 'Alon

investigators entered the place and lined up at the bar they found Inside. The man presiding over it was a genial-faced fellow of unmistakable Irish nationality and while he was preparing the harmless concoctions ordered one of them man-aged to explain their mission and the

ageu to explain their mission and the reasons which had led them within. "So," said the man on the other side of the counter, smiling, with no intimation of surprise, "ah, ha! well, that isn't my' name t all." name 't all."
"It isn't?" gasped the two in asionish-

also a good many of the Dooch. The Ital-i-yans see the 'Alonzo' and come in, the Dootch see the 'Gustave' and they come in; and, av course, the Irish see the 'Bryan' and they come in. My name is 'John Patrick Bryan.'

'John Patrick Bryan.' "
''Oh!" commented the two young fellows faintly.

"Yes." replied their informant vigorously, shaking the mixture he was preparing and winking at them sagely;
"and besides that there do be a good
ma-any (swish swish) who come in
wanst in awhile (swash swash) to r-rubber-r-neck and find-out the partic-u-larritles av the thing, an'—"

But the two young men had given each
other glances of deep meaning and having placed on the counter a coin to pay

ing placed on the counter a coin to pay for their drinks they made a concerted movement toward the door.

WHAT THE BACHELOR SAYS.

Osculation was the thief of mine. A man generally feels about as things taste.

A man's clothes are a part of him: a No woman is a true woman unless she believes in a lot of foolish little supersti-

Probably every old bachelor gets at least three things from women every Christmas that he has never seen, and has to ask somebody what they use them

If it really gets to be the fashion in this country for women to be photographed in their night-dresses, their husbands ought to shame them out of it by getting their pictures taken in their night-shirts. -New York Press.

Helen Keller.

Mute, sightless visitant From what uncharted world Hast voyaged into Life's rude sea, With guidance scant; As if some bark mysteriously Should hither glide, with spars alsant And sails all furied?

And saits all turied?

In what perpetual dawn,
Child of the spotless brow,
Hast kept thy spirit far withdrawn—
Thy birthright undefiled?
What views to thy sealed eyes appear'
What voices mayst thou hear
Speak as we know not how?
Of grife and sin hast thou,
O radiant child.
Even thou a share? Can mortal taint
Have power on thee unfearing
The woes our sight, our hearing,
Learn from Earth's crime and plaint?

Not as we see Earth, sky, insensate forms, our Thou seest, but vision-free

*Earth, sky, insensate forms, ourselves
Thou seest, but vision-free
Thy fancy soars and delves,
Albeit no sounds to us relate
The wondrous things
Thy brave inactinings
Within their starry night create.
Fly thy unconfined
Clear spirit, whose entranchised eyes
Use not their grosser sense?
Ah, no! thy bright intelligence
Hath lits own Paradise,
A realm wherein to hear and see
Things hidden from our kind.
Not thou, not thou—tils we we
Are deaf, are dumb, are blind.
—E. C. Stedinan.

THE old reliable remedy for cough old, croup and sore throat, Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, should be kept in every

The herald star,
Whose torch afar
Shadows and boding night-birds fly,
When he was at the very zenith of his Shadows and boding night-birds fly.' When he was at the very zenith of his power, unexpectedly, one day, Jesus stood before him, requesting baptism at his hands. John started back in self-depreciation, at once acknowledging the infinite superiority of the One who stood before him, crying, "I have need to be baptized of thee!" Jesus, in his reply, acknowledges that he stands under no necessity of repentance, only affirming it to be becoming for him to fuffil this ceremonial duty, and thus identify himself more thoroughly with those to save whom he had come to earth. With this explanation, John consented to baptize him. . An old proverb says, "Go to the Jordan, and thou shalt see the Trinity." In the river, with the baptismal waters sparkling on his brow, stood the Son vf God; through the rent heavens the Spirit of God descended in form of a dove; while in the ineffable depths sounded the yole of the Father, identifying his Son. A scene worthy the infying his Son. A scene worthy the in-auguration of the Messiah! No king

MOSAIC FROM COMMENTARIES.

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Pharisces and Saducees: Self-satisfied formalists—calm, metaphysical infidels, Robertson. . . Who warned you: Gave you the hint of impending judgment. J. F. B. . . Fruits meet: John sees want of prospect of reformation correspondent with the external repentance. Whedon. . . Abraham to our Father: That pillow on which the nation so fatally reposed—that reck on which at length it split. J. F. B. . . Ax laid unto root: As it were ready to strike: figure of impending judgment, only averted in the way described. Ibid. . . I baptize you: Baptism of proselytes from heathenism common, but baptism of Jews quite new. Robertson. . . I baptize with water—he with the Holy Ghost: The meanest services I can render to the Mightler than I are too high for me. I administer the outward symbol of purification. It is his sole prerogative to dispense the inward reality. J. F. B. . Fan in his hand: John's whole discourse, and therefore the commencement of the gospel, agrees entirely with the last clause of Ola Testament prophecy (Mal. iil, 19-24), where the connection of things from Moses to the conclusion of ancient prophecy, and thence to the forerunner and Christ and in his day of universal judgment, is exquisitely and solemnly declared. Bengel. . . John forbade and Christ and in his day of universal judgment, is exquisitely and solemnly declared. Bengel. . . John forbade him: Was in the act of hindering him. J. F. B. "What! shall the Master come for baptism to a servant—the sinless Savior to a sinner?" Ibid. Fulfill all righteousness: Every righteous ordinance. Clarke. He suffered him: Yielding to higher authority than his own impressions of propriety. J. F. B. . . And lo: A strange and great event. Bengel. . A dove: Likeness not merely in mode of descending, but in the form. Ibid. . A voice: Most open manifestation of God. Ibid. . I am well pleased: The verb "to be well pleased," and the noun "good-pleasure," are employed when one is pleased by

THE TEACHER'S QUIVER.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, Sent Free by Mail.

The International Sunday School Lesson,

Jennary 2, 1898. Matthew 111, 7-17. JESUS AND JOHN. JESUS AND JOHN.

The person and mission of John Baptist seemed a last effort of Providence to awaken the Hebrew nation. Had he never uttered a word, his very self would have been a sermon. His plain fare and-coarse raiment were a protest against purple and fine linen and faring sumptuously every day. He took some jutting rock for a pulpit, had the whole heavens for a sounding board, and a river for a baptismal laver. Add to these scenic incidents the most fearless and searching speech that ever fell from human lips, and is it to be wondered that a whole nation went out to hear him, and went down into his font, confessing their sins? Well may Koble sing:

"Twice in her season of decay."

priest such an effective installation.

are employed when one is pleased by either what he himself or another has or does. Both parts of this notion agree with the present passage concerning the good-pleasure of the Father in the Son; for there is an eternal natural affection, a perpetual graciousness, to-ward the Mediator, and in him toward us, his reconciled children. Ibid.

us, his reconciled children. Ibid.

THE TEACHER'S QUIVER.

In this paragraph the curtain of the New Testament rises, and the greatest epoch since worlds were made begins.

... Though John was rigorous, he was not morbid. He did not command his converts to take to the hermit life. He did not exhort them to don leather girdles or eat locusts. He showed them how to live in the world and yet be unworldly; that a good life must not needs be a monastic life.

The preaching of John Baptist is not effete. Discard, if you will, the old orthodox hell and a literal day of judgment, all must concede that there is a continuity of judgment in which sin is being brought to light, and a contemporaneous hell in which sinners are being tormented. There is need of a new Dante, to sing of the purgatory on the hither side of death; a new Angelo, to fresco terrors of the interminable assize.

John was the reviver of prophetism after four hundred years of silence.

In view of his fidelity to his work as the forerunner, the Hebrew nation was left without excuse for its rejection of the Messiah.

He is the sublimest example of self-negation. When there was universal disposition to identify him with the Messiah, he nipped it in the bud. When signs of waning popularity were apparent, he said, "He must increase, I must decrease."

Pressense says linely: "Everything in him recalled the great prophet of action. Elijah did not write a single page in the Book of God. His book was himself; his prophecy was his life. It was enough for him to appear, to set before degenerate Israel the living image of hollness. Such was John the Baptist from the beginning of his career. That which he spoke, he lived, This preacher of repentance was himself a penitent."

Jesus writes his epitaph in gold: "Among them that are born of women, there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist."

Lin his baptism, Jesus was both identified with and separated from sinners. After all the people had been baptized, he, apart from them, received the rite. And John expres

Kidney and Bladder Troubles Quickly Cured.

You May Have a Sample Bottle of the Great Discovery,

Men and women doctor their troubles so often without benefit that they get discouraged and skeptical. In most such cases serious mistakes are made in doctoring and not knowing what our trouble is of what makes us sick. The unimistakable evidences of kidney trouble are pain or dull ache in the back, too frequent desire to pass water, scanty supply, scalding irritation. As kidney disease advances the face looks sallow or paic, eyes puffy, the feet swell and sometimes the heart acts badly. Should further evidence be needed to find out the cause of sickness, then set urine aside for twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling is also convincing proof that our kidneys and bladder need doctoring. A fact often overlooked, or not always understood, is that women suffer as much from kidney and bladder trouble as men do.

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Milligan, Wilkin & Co.

rifices and attended the feasts,—so would be be faithful to this last ritualistic requirement, and thus fulfill all the ceremony that typified the desire for righteousness, . . With the example of Jesus before them, how is it that so many neglect that ordinance which is a "sign of profession and mark of difference."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

The miser is known by the money he

Sometimes an eye is not as black as i is pasted.

The letter-carrier's whistle might be termed a postal note. termed a postal note.

The heads of some men are like vacant rooms—they lack furniture. The woman with small feet may be vain, but she walks on her pride.

The undertaker may be slow but he manages to overtake the rest of us. When a widow goes gunning for number two she should use smokeless powder. About the time a man succeeds in breaking in a pair of shoes his feet break

The dentist may not be able to fill a long-felt want, but he can fill an aching void,

The heiress who buys a title makes a rank investment; and if a man goes with the title it's ranker still. A man's idea of tough luck is to play cards with a woman and win every time

when there is nothing at stake, -Chi-cago Daily News, PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

An Irish tenant observed that it was a "hard thing for a man to be turned out of the house which his father built and his grandfather was born in."—Tit-Bits.

Where shall we go, dearest; Niagara Falls or Washington? Bride—We might go to both places and see which we like best.—Brooklyn Life. "This talk about free alcohol for use

Beginning Early. - Bridegroom-

in the arts." began Gaswell. "Well?" asked Gasbill. "Has that anything to do with painting the town red?"—Pitts-burgh Chronicle-Telegraph. As Defined in New York .- "What is a cosmopolitan?" "A cosmopolitan is a New Yorker who has been convinced that there is something going on out-side of his own town."—Chicago Re-

cord. Mamma-"Ethel, what do you mear Mamma-"Ethel, what do you mean by shouting in that disgraceful fash-ion? See how quiet Willie is!" Ethel-"Of course he's quiet; that's our game. He's papa coming home late, and I'm you."—Tit-Bits.

Household Diplomacy.-"Yes, I always give Dickle a magic-lantern every Christmas." "Why do you do that?" "It keeps my husband at home for several nights trying to make it work."—Detroit Free Press.

"They seem to be having a good deal of trouble in disposing of the 'endiess chain' in the treasury," said the shoelerk boarder. "I wonder," murmured the Cheerful Idiot, "why they don't experiment with the bevel gear."—Indianapolis Journal. "Nature never makes a mistake in

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